

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 15, 1988

REQUEST FOR NEW
DRIVEWAY AT 513
EAST TOKAY STREET

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The City of Lodi recently received a letter from Mrs. Leona Miller requesting that the City of Lodi construct a new driveway approach at 513 East Tokay Street.

The City Council was advised that in the fall of 1987, the City of Lodi let a contract for the placing of an asphalt concrete overlay on Tokay Street between Cherokee Lane and Stockton Street. At the time of this construction, one of the design concerns was whether to pave to the existing gutter (which had not been a standard practice) or provide an overlay that would match the toe of the curb and gutter. It was determined at that time to place the asphalt concrete overlay in conformance with our established standards.

The placement of the asphalt overlay increased the crown of the existing street which was a problem at this location before the City's project. The City's project did worsen the condition. Depending on the type of car that uses this driveway and the speed of the car entering and exiting, a car may "bottom out". Based on the scrapes on the pavement, it is evident that Leona Miller's car does have a problem with this driveway.

When the rear wheels of her automobile are in the gutter, the front wheels are on her drive behind the sidewalk. Therefore, removing and replacing just the existing driveway does not solve the problem of her rear bumper dragging. In order to raise the rear bumper, it becomes necessary to lower her driveway behind the walk where the front wheels rest, lower the sidewalk, and provide a transition in the walk on both sides of the new driveway. It would also be necessary to regrade the lawn or construct a curb along the lowered areas.

A letter was sent to Mrs. Miller on May 3, 1988 outlining a compromise that the staff felt they could make on this replacement. The estimated total cost of replacing the 7' driveway, sidewalk, and a portion of the on-site drive is \$500. The City offered to pay \$200, leaving \$300 remaining as the property owner's responsibility. Staff did not feel that we could obligate the City to any larger percentage, and that the owner should be responsible for some of the costs.

Should the owner elect to widen the driveway to 12', the total cost would be approximately \$1,000. The City's portion would be \$600, the additional cost being primarily for removing and replacing curb, gutter, and adjacent paving which was not necessary if the driveway were not widened. Leona Miller's cost for a 12' driveway replacement would be \$400.